

CLAIMS

1. An improved anchor, including: a first fluke or base member, one end thereof constituting a leading end of said anchor and being adapted to assist in anchorage/embedding of said anchor within a given holding; an
5 elongate shank member fixedly attached to said first fluke, said shank member being adapted to receive, and releasably retain, at least one anchor line; a second fluke associated with said shank member and adapted to be fixedly connected thereto, said second fluke being spaced apart from said first fluke and disposed substantially parallel thereto, and wherein said second fluke is of
10 a smaller size than said first fluke.
2. The anchor as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first fluke or base member has a substantial triangular shape when viewed in plan, with a vertex of said triangular shape constituting the leading end of said anchor, said first fluke or base member being formed from two opposed wing members,
15 each substantially triangularly shaped when viewed in plan, said opposed wing members being joined along a line constituting a centre-line for said anchor, said opposed wing members being disposed at an angle to one another such that, when viewed in end elevation, said first fluke or base member has a substantial V-shape, and wherein each of said opposed wing members includes,
20 at a leading end thereof, a down-turned portion which constitutes part of said leading end of said anchor for assisting in digging in or bedding in of said anchor in the holding.
3. The anchor as claimed in claim 2, including stabilising means releasably attached to said first fluke or base member, said stabilising means
25 including a member which is substantially semi-circular in shape, said stabilising means serving to ensure that said anchor readily assumes an operating configuration and is restored to said operating configuration even after having been disturbed therefrom.
4. The anchor as claimed in claim 3, wherein said second fluke
30 is fixedly secured to both the uppermost surface of said shank and to said stabilising means.
5. The anchor as claimed in claim 4, including means for re-setting thereof, said means for re-setting including a slot extending

substantially longitudinally of said shank member and along at least a part of the length of said shank member, said slot being adapted to receive, and releasably retain, a shackle means for the anchor line.

6. The anchor as claimed in claim 5, wherein said stabilising
5 means is attached to both said first fluke or base member and said shank member.

7. The anchor as claimed in claim 6, wherein said stabilising means is fixedly secured to said shank member at a leading end of said shank member and to opposite sides of said first fluke or base member.

10 8. The anchor as claimed in claim 7, wherein each wing member includes, at a trailing end thereof remote from said down-turned portion, a further member extending upwardly and at an angle to each respective wing member.

9. The anchor as claimed in claim 8, wherein said angle is other
15 the 90°.

10. The anchor as claimed in claim 9, wherein each said wing member includes at least one discontinuity therein.

11. The anchor as claimed in claim 10, wherein said further member of each said wing member includes at least one discontinuity therein.

20 12. The anchor as claimed in claim 11, wherein each wing member has a free edge constituting a side of said anchor and being beveled.

13. The anchor as claimed in claim 12, including a bracing member extending between said further members of said wing members, and at the rear of said further members.

25 14. The anchor as claimed in claim 13, wherein said shank member is fixedly attached to both said first fluke or base member and said bracing member.

15. The anchor as claimed in claim 14, wherein said stabilising means is in the form of a tubular member having a substantially semi-circular
30 shape with opposed free ends being fixedly attached to said bracing member.

16. The anchor as claimed in claim 15, wherein said shank member includes an arm portion extending substantially parallel to said base member, and a leg portion connect to said base member.

17. The anchor as claimed in claim 16, wherein said leg portion of said shank member includes at least one discontinuity therein.

18. The anchor as claimed in claim 17, wherein said shackle means is free to move along said slot of said shank member responsive to
5 changes in disposition of said anchor relative to the holding.

19. The anchor as claimed in claim 18, including means for preventing said shackle means, and an anchor line connected thereto, from being disposed on an underside of said arm portion of said shank member whereby to avoid fouling of said anchor by the anchor line.

10 20. The anchor as claimed in claim 19, wherein said means for avoiding fouling is at least one projection extending laterally from said arm portion of said shank member and located in the vicinity of a free end of said arm portion.

21. The anchor as claimed in claim 20, including at least one
15 notch in an underside of said leg portion of said shank member.

22. The anchor as claimed in claim 21, including at least one slot in an underside of said leg portion of said shank member.